

NOTICE OF SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS’ REQUEST
TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE
2020 GENERAL RATE CASE (APPLICATION NO. A.20-03-001)

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Why am I receiving this notice?

On March 2, 2020, Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) application (A.20-03-001) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting to increase rates for 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The proposed rate increase will begin January 1, 2021. Suburban is requesting an increase of \$14,268,446 (or 17.33%) in 2021, an additional \$5,787,612 (or 6.04%) in 2022, and an additional \$5,784,955 (or 5.70%) in 2023, for a total of \$25,841,013 (or 31.4%) for all three years combined.

How could this affect my monthly bill?

If Suburban’s rate increase request is approved by the CPUC as proposed, the impacts on the average monthly residential customer’s bill using 13 ccf (ccf = 100 cubic feet, 1 ccf = 780 gallons of water) per month for a ¾ inch meter, **excluding any applicable surcharges except CPUC reimbursement fee**, will be as follows:

	2021	2022	2023
San Jose Hills Tariff Area 1			
Current Bill	\$62.85	\$74.72 ₁	\$79.06 ₂
Amount Increase	\$11.87	\$4.34	\$4.51
New Bill	\$74.72	\$79.06	\$83.57
Percent Increase	19.1%	5.8%	5.7%
Whittier/La Mirada Tariff Area 2			
Current Bill	\$61.44	\$70.22 ₁	\$74.57 ₂
Amount Increase	\$8.78	\$4.35	\$4.25
New Bill	\$70.22	\$74.57	\$78.82
Percent Increase	14.3%	6.2%	5.7%

1: Projected bill for 2022 after 2021 rate increase. 2: Projected bill for 2023 after 2022 rate increase.

Under the proposed rates, on January 1, 2021 the monthly charge for private fire service would increase from \$23.47 to \$27.54 per inch of diameter of service connection, to \$29.19 on January 1, 2022, and to \$30.86 on January 1, 2023. On January 1, 2021, the monthly charge for fire hydrant service would increase from \$31.05 to \$36.43 for each 6-inch standard fire hydrant, to \$38.762 on January 1, 2022, and to \$40.82 on January 1, 2023.

The proposed revenue increases are outlined in the chart below by customer class and assume the CPUC approves the requested rate increases in their entirety.

Proposed Increases (Dollars in Thousands)							
Customer Class	Present Revenue	2021 Increase		2022 Increase		2023 Increase	
	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	56,181.9	9,439.4	16.80	3,821.2	5.93	3,884.4	5.70
Business	17,899.4	3,230.4	18.05	1,325.8	6.23	1,287.1	5.70
Industrial	2,670.7	580.9	21.75	228.3	6.50	213.0	5.70
Public Authorities	2,803.1	500.4	17.85	210.6	6.38	200.2	5.70
Other Water Utilities for Resale	40.1	5.4	13.54	2.7	5.88	2.7	5.70
Construction Water Service	115.6	17.0	14.68	7.7	5.60	8.3	5.70
Private Fire Protection Service	1,513.0	262.2	17.33	108.4	6.01	108.9	5.70
Fire Hydrant Service on Private Property	171.8	29.8	17.33	12.0	6.01	12.0	5.70
Recycled Water	924.8	203.0	21.95	71.0	6.29	68.3	5.70
TOTAL	82,320.4	14,268.4	17.33	5,787.6	6.04	5,785.0	5.70

Why is Suburban requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires Suburban to file a GRC every three years. The proposed rate increases are to sustain and improve Suburban’s water supply system and offset increases in operational and maintenance costs. These rates will help fund water treatment, storage, and distribution facilities to meet expected demands for service, and assure continued compliance with all applicable safe drinking water quality standards.

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will consider all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. Evidentiary hearings may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and other entities which have been given official status as “parties” will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These evidentiary hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties may participate.

After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision determining whether to adopt all or part of Suburban’s request, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision and any alternate decisions will be voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) has reviewed this application. Cal Advocates is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state’s environmental policy goals. Cal Advocates has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about Cal Advocates, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit Cal Advocates’ website at www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

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Please reference **Suburban Water Systems’ GRC Application No. 20-03-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and be made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.



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